
COMMENTS ON POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

- There are three crack houses on my block and prostitutes walking up and down the street. Does this sound like a nice place to raise a child or a place you would like to live? It's sad to realize that the neighborhood is getting worse instead of getting better each day. The houses, the people, the attitude, they are all getting worse.
- The speed limit on residential streets is 25 miles per hour (mph). However, in my neighborhood, speeds of 50 to 60 mph on the residential streets are not uncommon. Police patrols in the neighborhoods should be increased, not just for drug traffic or other crimes, but for speeding traffic as well.
- Police get an "A" for effort in patrolling my neighborhood. Lately, however, due to the acute increase in drug selling, we need more officers to keep this a safe area.
- I used to ride my bike around until my neighbors told me I shouldn't. I've called the police a few times about rowdy kids in my neighborhood with no response. The buses in our area are driven by inconsiderate drivers, who have cut right in front of me on several occasions. I think the City has one of the fastest responding fire departments.
- Years ago I was not afraid, however, now I think twice about when and where I go.
- I am 84-years old and have lived in the same house for 47 years. I'm ashamed to tell anybody where I live, so I say Redford or Livonia when asked. I do all my own work plus I care for the empty lot next door. Renters could care less about maintaining the property they rent. Since laws are not enforced, I detest our police department, particularly the Sixteenth precinct. God bless all.
- My biggest complaint is the lack of police enforcement of reckless and speeding drivers around the Rouge Park area. Every night there are screaming motorcycles that must be going at a speed of 70 miles per hour. Another complaint is the prominence of homosexual activity in Rouge Park, which should be for walking and picnics, not X-rated scenes. Garbage and trash pickup and grass cutting in the Park have been very good this year.
- I don't go downtown much, except for the Tigers and Wings games, and some concerts. The City itself doesn't have much to offer white people. I'd like more stop signs in my neighborhood and better traffic behavior around the schools. People speed and the bus drivers are the worst with very little consideration and courtesy. I drove through my neighborhood when school was letting out and I was verbally attacked and my car was kicked because all I wanted to do was pass by and get home. I'll never go through that area again during school hours.
- I have been robbed at gunpoint and assaulted. The police officer that took the report fell asleep in a chair in my living room waiting for the evidence technicians and a supervisor to arrive. There is a general feeling of apathy throughout the City. No one seems to care that everything is falling apart. Officers or supervisors need to work while on the job, and not just put their time in and collect their paychecks without really working. The City is dying and no one cares!

- Five years ago, I called 911 for EMS and it took almost one hour for the police to come, and when they arrived they had no training and no supplies. They in turn called for an EMS unit, which is what we asked for in the first place. This took an additional 15 minutes. The EMS unit was a rust bucket. When I found my 15-year old son he was alive, but he is now dead. He was an honor roll student. Response time as well as equipment is a horrible mess.
- If Police response time would improve, I believe that the quality of life would improve significantly. Testy teen energy and soft criminals would have the deterrent necessary to keep them in check. At the present time, these two groups grow braver in their activities, throwing bottles and trash on others' property, speeding at 50 to 70 mph down residential streets, staking out garages, and stealing cars for joy rides or air bags.
- I've lived in the northwest section of Detroit for 33 years. Curtis Street has been a forest of holes and bumps for all those years. It is not safe to ride on Curtis. I wouldn't walk the streets of Detroit with someone, never mind alone. The only place I drive is to the store and church. Actually, you are not safe in your house anymore. More attention should be given to the neighborhoods and getting stores back downtown. We don't need anymore entertainment. Too much attention has been given to visitors' needs. Signed, a concerned native Detroiter.
- The police at the local precinct treat everyone as if you are bothering them when you go to them for service. Also, services are poorly performed when it comes to cleaning up lots and making street repairs. Drug dealers are allowed to stand in the middle of the street and sell drugs. Police say they can't catch them all.
- My block it is very well kept. However, the street that people have to turn on to get to my block, because it is a one-way street with many drugs houses, causes most everyone to drive the wrong way to avoid that street (Fenelon), where drugs are sold openly. My grandchildren will not go through there.
- The City needs better supervision and money management in the Public Lighting Department and better police patrol of the local neighborhoods. There is a block of dope dealers three blocks from my house. The City park at Coyle and Puritan needs more attention. The City needs to remove and replace dead trees in neighborhoods. It also needs to maintain better drug reporting methods for citizens and protection for those who report drug activity.
- I would like to walk in my neighborhood at night and not have to think about being jumped. It is not safe to do that where I live.
- Drugs have taken over our neighborhood. Neighbors constantly call and complain but get no action. The police claim there's nothing there. I live in a Drug Free Zone and yet fear for school age children passing the crack houses. Rental property is not inspected like it should be and slum landlords are on the increase.
- The City needs a lot of improvement in the areas of safety and health.

- 1) We need more police to work in the area of wiping out drug dealers to better our communities. Although there is often no actual selling from homes, there are many young people in new cars with many cell phones, indicating a network of dealers. It's unnerving. We need a better war on drugs, users, and sellers. 2) When I first moved to this neighborhood, it was beautiful and tree lined. Dutch Elm disease wiped out the trees. Where are the replacements? 3) More police visibility is necessary in our communities. I believe it will help prevent crime.
- All the high-priced condos and renovations are pushing people like us into higher risk neighborhoods. Drug dealers and thieves run the corridor. The poor police don't stand much of a chance here when the criminals get out of jail faster than the police can fill out the paperwork. Our store has been robbed and our customers get jumped because of the abandoned buildings, which gives the criminals too much cover, especially with the lack of lighting. I appreciate the fact that the City is rebuilding, but it is coming at a high cost for me, my family, and where I work. We have to leave, although I really can't afford to leave.
- I would like to see a faster response time from the Police Department when it receives a call from my house alarm company stating that my alarm signal has sounded. Three times I beat the police to my house, or they never came at all to check my house. How safe can or should I feel when the police don't show up.
- There are many vacant and abandoned houses in my neighborhood that need to be torn down. Drug use is all up and down the street day and night. The police respond very well but nothing seems to be helping. October is approaching, and I am now afraid that they will start burning down these homes again. Someone please respond.
- My home was broken into on October 2, 1998. The alarm company notified the Police Department, but the police never responded to the call. I was there within five minutes of receiving the call at work. The police never came!
- Car theft is a very big problem in our neighborhood. Within a six-month period my vehicle was stolen twice from our driveway. It was not recovered the second time. Also, the restrooms on Belle Isle are not fit to be used by humans. In addition, I would like to have more police presence in our neighborhood night and day.
- A major concern is abandoned vehicles that sit in the neighborhood for weeks and no one does anything about them. Police officers will ride by and pretend they don't see them. I think our police need to take a little more interest in the City.
- Police and Fire employees are not volunteers. You do not pay them enough. Stop wasting money downtown. Help the community by cutting trees and lighting streets. It would help to see what I was driving on. Why don't police officers follow tow trucks hauling junk cars between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to catch them dumping junk cars onto our streets?
- I have been trying for months to get two abandoned cars towed away without success. It should not be necessary for me to contact a City Council member to get this done. I think it would be helpful if the abandoned auto section of the Police Department was audited to improve its performance.

- I live by an elementary school. The area around the school should be policed better. Autos, trucks, and motorcycles race up and down my street not even stopping at the signs. The City could become rich by ticketing offenders. The hands of NOW organizations are tied from speeders. Calls to 911 go unanswered for underage partying in the schoolyard. Gunfire at a neighborhood drug house continues but we are told the City is getting better everyday. Goodbye Mr. Archer, we will miss you.
- We need more police to patrol the neighborhoods. There are too many robberies and drug houses, and just too much crime! Please, we want to feel safe.
- Please, someone read this. I love this City! I have traveled extensively (worldwide), and here are several things I think would help. 1. The racial make-up of police should reflect the make-up of the City – there are too many “cowboys” on the force. 2. All officers should be Detroit residents and graduates of Detroit high schools. 3. All officers should have mandatory and ongoing police athletic league participation, and not just once or twice during their careers. 4. City Council should adopt laws that make it impossible to own abandoned buildings. Use it or lose it – check Berlin, Germany for reference. 5. The City should donate more monies to culture – look at what “Detroit Techno” and the D.E.M.F did for the City. The Heidelberg Project and that sorry Motown Museum need help. Be open to these people and their ideas. 6. The City must develop mass transportation such as subways, monorails, train, etc. How can this be a world-class city without a developed downtown and when a suburbanite from Novi can get downtown to a Tiger game faster than a citizen from Seven Mile and Livernois? Be for real! 7. What is going on with City athletic programs? Northwestern baseball field has some of the best players in the State, but the kids can’t find the ball in the outfield because the grass is too high, or field a ground ball properly because the infield is as hard as concrete. Consequently, the pro scouts haven’t gone down there since the white flight. Our kids lose again. When are we gonna get it together?
- I think there is high auto theft due to poor street lighting, which is due in part to the lack of trimming of trees that reduces the effectiveness of some streetlights. Also, there are too many house break-ins and side-streets are never cleaned in the winter.
- I never see a police car on my street. People put their trash out during the first week of the month, and it doesn’t get picked up until the third week of the month. The restrooms in Rouge Park are vandalized without repair for years. Other problems include a destroyed ice skating rink, pot holes in the streets, cars on Pierson Street use it as a race track, and drivers ignoring stop signs. If had more space, I would continue.
- I believe in this City with all my heart. It has come a long way in the past six years. I personally believe the Police Department should start enforcing the litter laws already on the books. Also, the curfew ordinance should be enforced all year not just during the week of Halloween. Self-respect and pride, which made Detroit such a wonderful place to live in the past, are lacking in current times.
- I feel that the police could do more to close drug houses. I live in an area where people sell dope and the police just ride by them. I am afraid to let my kids outside sometimes because of shootings in the daytime as well as night. Sometimes, I am afraid to get out of my car at night when I arrive home from work. I hope that this will help.

- Abandoned vehicles sit for years. Police put orange stickers on them, which the owners remove. A blue van has sat for three years around the corner and cars sit in the alley and on the street, being stripped for weeks. Also, loud music blasts from automobiles and yards. If you call the police, even to report a dope house, the police response is always, "we'll send a car". They make you feel like you're interrupting a good television show.
- We don't have a park or a recreation center. Sometimes the boom boxes in cars and homes are so loud we can't fall asleep until 2 to 4:30 a.m. Also, there are cars racing up and down streets. It's terrible!
- Kids are being killed by drug dealers at night with shootings at any hour, sometimes one, two, or three o'clock in the morning. Also, there is no snow removal in wintertime and the lighting on East Outer Drive is so bad that half the time the lights are out.
- Police protection is only good for the black people, if you are white there is no justice. That's why I'm leaving the City. My children received nothing from public schools, no recreation, and no nice parks. Last year, I filed a report for getting beat up by four black people. The Detroit investigator did nothing for me. Also, my son tried to become a police officer, but was turned down. What did this City do for my family – nothing, except call me for jury duty.
- Police response time is very bad in this neighborhood. My next door neighbor's house was broken into on the fourth of July and I called the police because he was at the fireworks. They didn't come until an hour later. I had to keep calling them back, two or three times before they showed up. That is not good. Someone could have been hurt or killed.
- Detroit police officers set a horrible example. They blatantly run red lights and firefighters are no better. We use Wayne State Police for everything, because we feel the Detroit Police Department is poorly run, with low regard for our City and with terrible leadership and morale. I simply do not trust Detroit's leadership.
- The only way I would volunteer for the City is to see improvements in the City's parks, recreation centers, and neighborhood policing with an active policeman involved in my neighborhood. People should be ticketed for littering, playing loud music, and curfew violations. Improvements are needed in recreation centers, especially at the Coleman Young Center swimming pool, whose new shower and pool edges are dirty. I have not swam there in five years. If these things are done, then I will volunteer.
- People have outside or car music on too loud and too late (after 11 p.m.), and loud parties. Police don't care. We come home before dark and set the alarms on both cars and stay inside our house. We would move in a heartbeat if we could. The stores along Joy Road are awful and should come down. We have a vacant house next door that has been reported to the City, but nothing has been done.
- We need faster responses in the City for police protection and problems. We also need concerned police, better lighted streets (the lights we have now are poor), and curfews for children under the age of 18.

- I feel we need to stop worrying about downtown Detroit and concentrate on cleaning up the garbage in the alleys of southwest Detroit and ticket those who put bulk trash in front of their houses for months at a time. For example, near Navy and Central Streets, the rats are terrible. Also, clean up prostitution between Junction and Trenton streets on Michigan Avenue.
- City programs - do they exist? I haven't heard of any in my area. Streets are filthy with glass, garbage, and litter. I wouldn't mind volunteering, but why do I pay taxes? Bulk pickups: they are very haphazard, leaving garbage in the street and picking up only what workers feel like. Traffic lights: I never saw burned out traffic lights until I moved to Detroit. My block club (Franklin Park) is preparing a letter to complain about the sixth precinct (Plymouth). So many drug deals going on in the open, but the sixth precinct police do nothing.
- In my eyes, I would like the police to respond to calls a little better. Also, when I call 911 the operators get nasty and talk very rude and that is not how emergency calls are supposed to be handled.
- There is a house across the street that was burned out over five years ago and was never torn down. I pay taxes every year and get nothing for my money. There are drug dealers and streetwalkers all up and down Fort Street. This City is poorly managed.
- The City of Detroit is a good city. However, as with any city, we have problems in my neighborhood, including the streetlights, which are a "big problem" because they are always out. Also, too many females are being robbed at bus stops. We are more willing to cooperate with you than you think.
- The City is very slow in picking up and removing abandoned cars. Also, Sander Street has been torn up for several months now. Please check into this, as many holes and potholes are very bad on cars. Please have them finish what they started.
- Too many of our policemen do not seem to have any idea about public relations. They often will speak in threatening and confrontational voices, when it's not necessary. There is too much giggling, laughter, and conversation in the work place of our City offices.
- I am afraid to come and go home or anywhere at night. Drugs are being sold day and night in front of my home. People walk the streets to buy drugs in the neighborhood. They also pull up in cars and pass drugs and money. People ride up and down the street waiting for a person to come to make a drug purchase. You can't even get in your own driveway because of cars whose occupants are either selling or buying drugs while blocking driveways.
- I am eighty years old and a widow. I drive a car. I have not been on public transportation in years or to Belle Isle, downtown parks, or any parks. I called the police twice about a car parked in front of my house for three weeks with a ticket on it. I have a tree in front of my house that needs to be cut down. They came and trimmed it after I called City Council and the Mayor's Office, but big black limbs still fall when it's windy. The trees pushing up the sidewalks would be cheaper to cut down, then for the City to be sued if the tree limbs fall on the houses around here.

- I feel that the increasing gang activity in this area needs to be addressed. Also, the problems of abandoned cars and trash cans in the street for more than 24 hours and bulk trash out weeks in advance need to be addressed. I also feel that the City should have a curfew 365 days a year and not just at Halloween time. Parents need to be held accountable for the actions and whereabouts of their children, especially after dark.
- Please have the 12th Precinct checked for filling out false police reports, and let me know your findings.
- I have called the police many times about the dope dealers selling narcotics in the car wash on Fenkell at the corner of Sussex. The dealers are there everyday, but the police do nothing. I called downtown to the office of the chief of police, and all I got was the run around. When the police come out, the police may bust some of them, but they are back the next week. We need that car wash closed for good because the quality of life around here is very bad. So whom do I turn to? Please read in the hope that you or someone can do something about my problem, not only my problem but the neighborhood's problem, as soon as possible.
- The City's problems include alleys in some areas that need cleaning, police needing to patrol middle schools at the beginning and end of each school day, vacant buildings needing repair or demolition, and drug activity in neighborhoods.
- Prostitutes run freely on the streets. In our area, they are bad, bad, bad, on Seven Mile between Woodward and John R. Detroit has to be the dirtiest city in the State of Michigan and possibly in the entire U.S. In our area, some dumpsters are permanently left on the street. Many residences put their junk at the curb weeks before the monthly residential bulk pickup. Also, there are still too many crack houses around.
- There are no parks in my neighborhood. Well, I suspect there may be one but it's hard to tell with all the over growth. I have repeatedly called the police to report disturbances. They only showed up the two times that someone was actually physically assaulted. The absence of recycling in a city this size is an abomination. I take my items for recycling to Ann Arbor. If neighborhoods were properly policed, there would be no worries of garbage pickers scattering garbage and rubbish.
- The biggest problem in the City is the abandoned houses that need demolition. We need the police to enforce the laws pertaining to the maintenance of property. Police need to ticket abandoned cars and people that put out large amounts of garbage too soon. Landlords need to be accountable for proper maintenance of their rental properties. People need to have pride for their City.
- People can do a lot to maintain neighborhoods. The pride of the people is necessary to supplement basic City services. The high crime, abandoned buildings, rubble strewn lots, and the lack of lighting, seem to stifle pride in too many instances. Provide basic services and catalytic pride will follow.
- Living in Detroit is like living in a communist nation; we don't have many choices. We have to put up with a Police Department that doesn't want to be bothered. Just pay their salaries and the lawsuits that result from their lack of concern. Detroit is a major city with no mass transportation. We have Comcast shoved down our throats and their service is terrible but they don't care because who else do we have. We have to share our neighborhoods with criminals because our jails are full of the mentally ill; where else are we going to put them?

- First of all, I just would like to tell and inform whoever is doing this survey that your City is pitiful. I hate the City of Detroit's Police Department. It isn't worth much. It is unreliable and undependable. My house was shot up a month ago. I have children. The cowardly police didn't come until five days later and didn't even do an investigation. Two police reports were filed against the perpetrator but nothing was done. The low-life people that live in the neighborhood drink, smoke, sell cocaine, and murder one another. I made a call to 911 because a man parked in my driveway and would not move his car from my driveway. I did not know this man at all. I couldn't park my car in my own garage because this idiot wouldn't move his car. When I called 911 for assistance, the operator made the statement, "you are better off shooting him". After hearing this, it tells you how ghetto and lamb-like the Detroit Police Department is. Oh, by the way, the police never came and I ended up having to park down the street. A couple of months ago, over on Hull street a little girl who just turned 14 years old was shot and killed. The police were called numerous times, but they never showed up. The girl died. Maybe if the police were not so scared and weren't such cowards, they would have come out and maybe that little girl would have, at least, had a chance at the rest of her life. The neighborhood is so pitiful that the ambulance won't even come. There is no excuse. I have connected with channel 4 and channel 2 and plan to speak to someone on the City Council. I spoke to a sergeant, who runs the neighborhood police, and she said that the police would come out often. However, nothing has changed. After 9:00 p.m., police don't show and everyone knows crimes take place when it's dark. The neighborhood is horrible. Not taking anything away from other neighborhoods, but State Fair and I-75 is the worst neighborhood to live in. Police officers are often put on pedestals by the news media, but the simple matter is they are not doing their job. They are too busy pulling people over and worrying about tickets, trying to meet their quota, then coming into the neighborhoods (the real neighborhoods) when called to save lives that are at stake. People say they will move out of the neighborhood. If I was in a position to move I would, I have had a couple of financial setbacks and I am not able to move right now. However, a person should not be put under pressure to move. I understand that police officers might be fearful for their life when on duty, but they knew this going in to the department when they came out of the police academy. It's as simple as that. Yes, I am outraged. If you are not willing to give your life in the line of duty to save innocent lives, then you should not be a police officer, because that is their job as well as their livelihood. So, if you want to know more information about this or more incidents that have taken place in "the hood", then please feel free to get in touch with me. My address is posted at the bottom and my phone is posted as well. I don't anticipate anyone from your department will respond because I know you and your highly decorated people have better things to do. But think about this. What if your daughter, son, brother, sister, cousin, etc. was to get shot or murdered, then just imagine how you would feel. So, just to let you know, whether someone from your department responds, or not, I don't care, because I will continue to reek havoc until something is done about the Police Department and their code of ethics.
- We have a red four-door car on this street that doesn't run, but nothing is down about it.
- My husband keeps the median on Chicago Boulevard, near our home, clean. He's out there most days. If residents would assist in cleaning the street, especially near their own home, our City could be much cleaner. Our experience was apathy and seeming irritation (for what was perceived as minor) by the responding officers.
- The quality of life has gone down, taxes have gone up, and drugs are everywhere!

- My residence is near Wayne State University (WSU) and the Cultural Center. Therefore, police (13th Precinct and WSU public safety officers) protection is very good. Streetlighting on Second Avenue is often out. Traffic signs at Forest and Woodward barely allow pedestrians to get halfway across before the stop sign starts blinking. There's a tree stump needing removal (for one year) on the median near Federal Mogul and the WSU Library storage building on Prentis and Cass Avenue. Please remove. The City put up a Prentis Street sign, which was quickly stolen. The area is livable but plain. Downtown could use a modern center with stores such as Sears and Penneys.
- Detroit must clean up its Police Department, begin to educate its children properly, and address an already crumbled infrastructure. Unless this is done post haste, the City will lose population to the extent that a meaningful recovery will never be possible. (How many times have you heard this?)
- Clean up southwest Detroit like Lincoln Park and other suburbs. Pave our unpaved streets and put in curbs, plant trees, and open flood pumps when it rains so we won't be flooded out again. Sweep our streets regularly, keep our streetlights burning, check the crack houses, and clean up the dope problem in our City. Very truly yours, a World War II honorably discharged veteran.
- Neighborhood conditions are disgraceful. The roads are unkempt and dirty, empty lots are unkempt, and there is too much dumping of garbage, old cars, and tires. Road restrictions on Oakwood are not enforced. It looks as if the City does not care. Police presence is nonexistent. I live in an area off Oakwood and Schaefer/Fort.
- We need more police patrols of residential areas where drugs, car thieves, and car strippers operate in the area of Santa Rosa, Stoepel, and Monica just west of Livernois between Six Mile and the Lodge Expressway. As for the programs mentioned, I didn't know that the City parks had them.
- Residential and city roads and curbs need to be replaced, including widening for parking double lane access on roads, such as Fenkle and Evergreen. Roads with gaping potholes need to be repaved, not just patched. Salt and the snow plows without guards compound the situation. We need to do something different. Lights need to be timed a lot better to increase traffic flow. Signs are missing and there are many unmarked intersections. The community would be willing to help I'm sure, if assistance was provided. Buses need to be more dependable and the times clearly marked, such as at fifteen minute intervals. Maybe a metro, or a better system, should be considered to link the suburbs to the City. We need more trashcans everywhere. Parks need better grass and upkeep. We don't need more traffic tickets, we need better police training. Belle Isle has a rare animal on it found nowhere else in the world. Belle Isle should be declared a National Preserve. Throwing money at problems won't help. Money is already wasted and I'm sure misappropriated or stolen via incompetent contractors. My answer is competition and community awareness. Detroit has much potential but the problems, I assure you, are very deep and will not be easily solved. Problem solving can and must take the social and cultural needs of the community into consideration.
- The City needs to address the vacant cars parked on the streets, the rats and dogs running loose in the neighborhood, teenagers hanging out all hours of the night, kids not attending school, and the loud music.

- The DOT has to be better, please! Police need to realize that everyone is not doing wrong or wanting to hurt them so they need to ease up. Since there's a lot of vacant houses in our City give them to the families who need them, like me, and not to the greedy who exploit the poor. I'm paying almost \$500 for a shack, the City just tore down a house which was better than the one I am renting.
- I really appreciate this survey. One of my biggest concerns is the number of people moving into houses to rent and destroying the neighborhoods with unruly children, loud voices and music, unkempt lawns in front and back, trash of all kinds in their yards, and disturbing the peace. Parents with three and four families are living in a two or three bedroom house and using drugs. When you call the community relation's offices, they do not respond.
- I don't mean to be so negative about so many areas but your descriptive words didn't fit some situations. Overall, I generally feel safe but I'm always looking over my shoulder. City services vary from area to area with some better and some worse. Problems include vacant buildings, poor roads, unmowed vacant lots, poor bus service, trash/litter on streets, poor lighting, and safety because I have been a victim of crime (e.g., theft) 8 to 10 times. Fire trucks respond quickly to my home but I hear about poor equipment and response in other areas of the City. In terms of police response, it appears that because they're short staffed they have to make decisions about what to respond to, which doesn't always coincide with my concerns or those of the public on a whole.
- I am moving from Detroit this Thursday as soon as my lease would let me go. The Secretary of State's office on Woodward errored on my voter registration, therefore I could not vote. The construction is making it very difficult to navigate, as are the detour signs. My boyfriend has been assaulted coming to my apartment. When I called to report a gaping hole in my wall at the Beleast, the women at the Housing Department didn't know what was going on and their computers didn't seem to be helping much. I've received a few tickets for parking between two cars that didn't get tickets. I contested the tickets and never heard anything so that department is inept. There are no grocery stores to go to that don't serve stale food. There is nowhere safe to go. Getting on the bus and walking to school I am harassed. Bums even come into my classes. I think WSU should move, and if this environment persists I know it will. An inspector came to see my apartment. He came a day late and did not leave me information on the result of the inspection. Thanks for this opportunity to voice my displeasure.
- It takes too long to get rid of boarded-up and dilapidated houses. Stolen and abandoned cars are prevalent on the streets. Cars race down Pembroke both day and night. There is no monitoring of the streets when students are on their way home from Beaubien or Pasteur Schools. There is no salt put on Pembroke during the winter. The traffic light is often out at Pembroke and Livernois. My street needs a reapplication of asphalt.
- Why should I volunteer, even if I could, when you have people in jail who could help with the cleanup of parks and vacant lots. The police get paid to do a job that many don't do. Narcotics and gang programs must be unknown in the neighborhood bounded by Van Dyke to Conner and from Gratiot to Warren, because all there is, are drug houses and gangs, and drugs being sold right on the street.
- I would like to feel safer in my neighborhood. I wonder why everyone knows the drug dealers and houses around us but the police do not. The parks are dirty and the playgrounds are broken and dangerous. We would like a stop sign at the corner of east Lantz and Bloom. Cars just speed by here everyday. More police patrols would be nice.